



High Elevation Snow Expected

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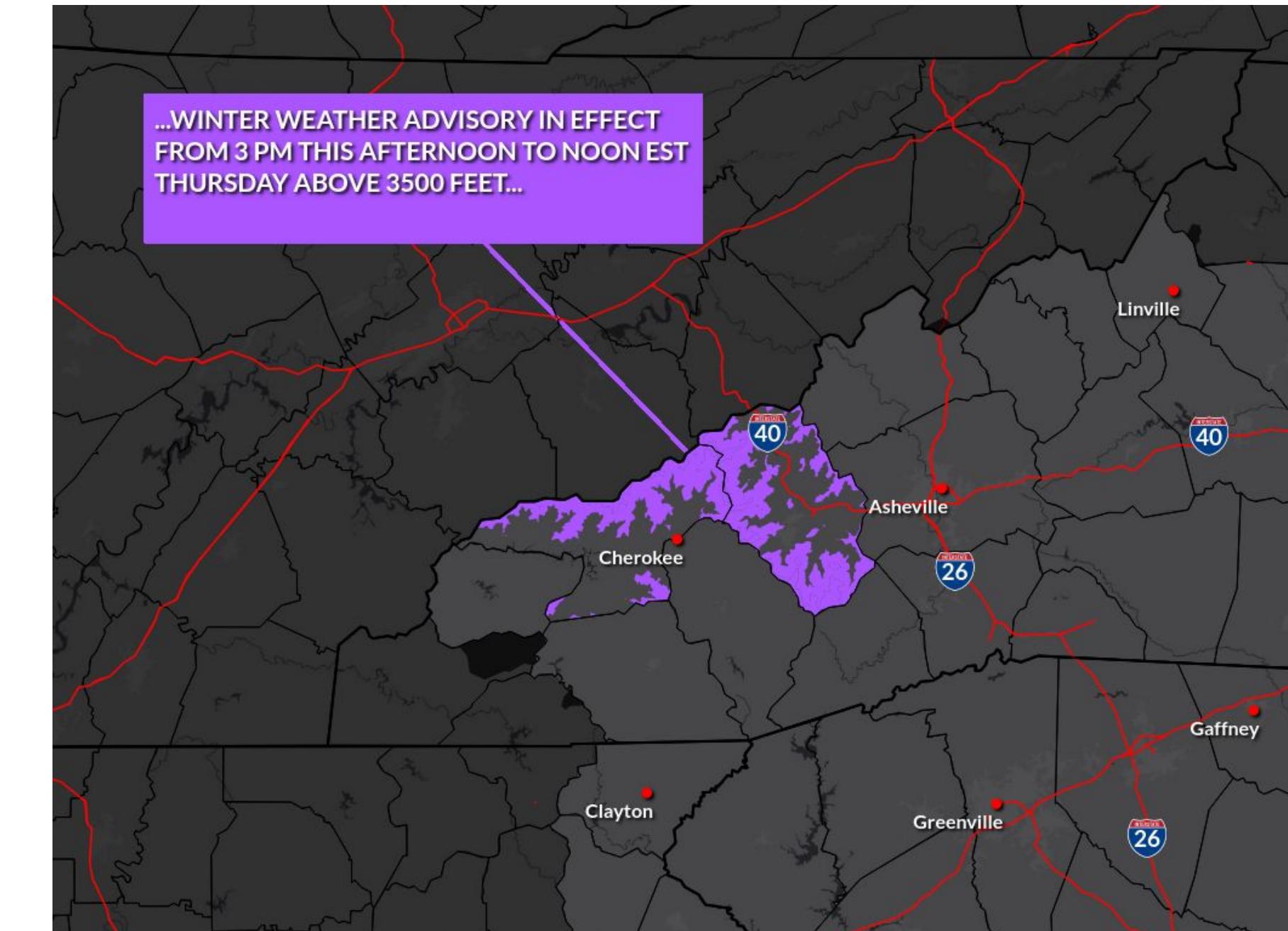
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Important Updates

- Winter Weather Advisory issued for elevations above 3500 feet in Swain and Haywood counties from 3 pm this afternoon through noon Thursday.

Key Messages

- Accumulating snow is expected at high elevations near the TN border beginning later this afternoon, with the highest amounts over the Smokies.
- Rain will change to light snow below 3500 feet after sunset, but accumulations will be less than an inch.
- No snow expected outside the mountains.
- Wind gusts to 45 mph could result in blowing snow that reduces the visibility.
- Wind chill of 5 to 10 below zero possible in the Winter Weather Advisory area early Thursday morning.



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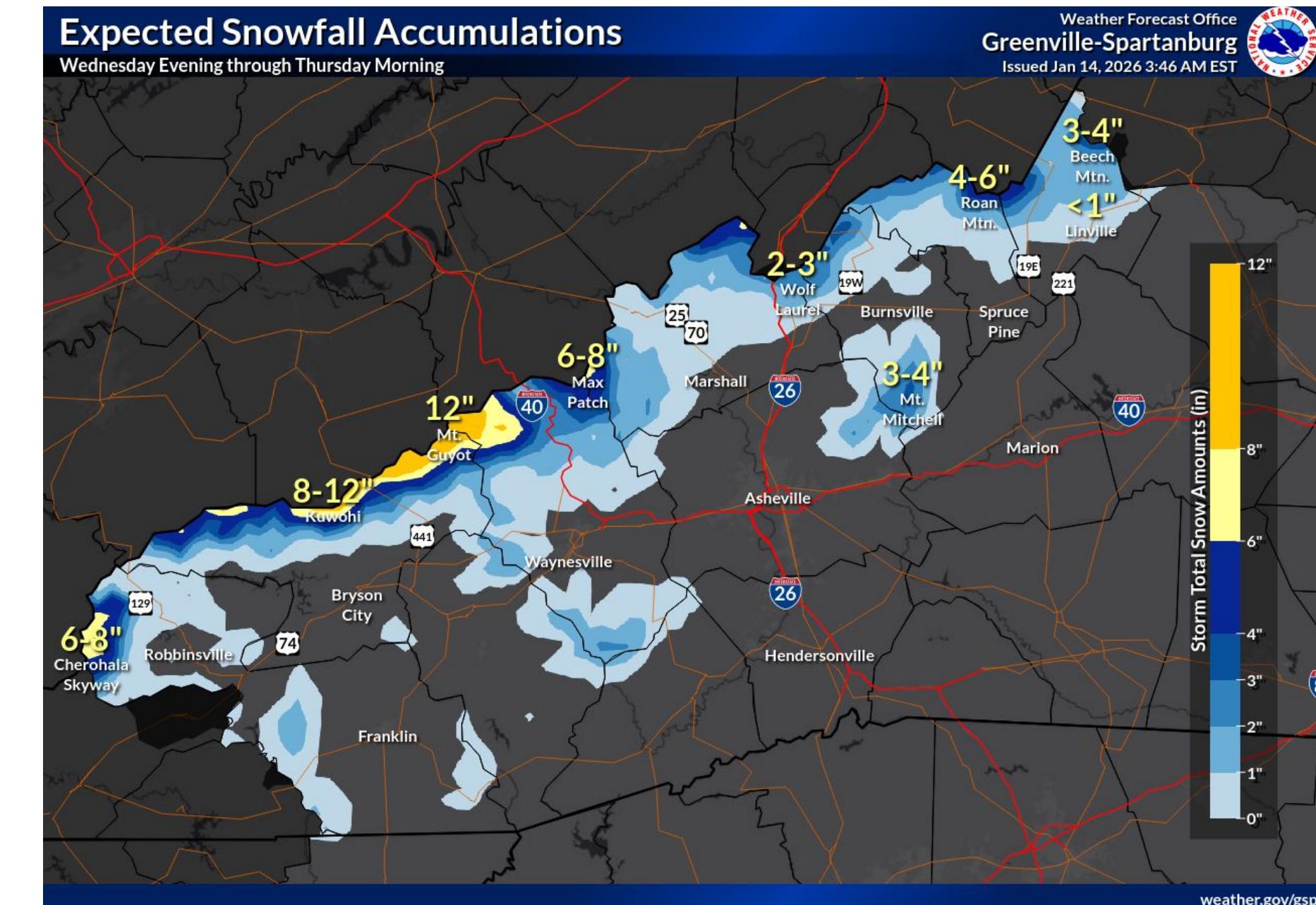


Expected Snow Accumulation

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- Precipitation will move in from the west over the mountains after noon, and will fall mostly as snow at elevations above 3500 feet near the TN border. Peak intensity will be during the early evening hours.
- Snow amounts will be highly variable and generally 2-4 inches over the higher elevations of the Smokies, but some peaks could get upwards of 8-12 inches.
- Precipitation will change over from rain to snow late this evening in valley locations, but only a dusting is expected.
- The snow will taper off to flurries Thursday morning.



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